Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana

A Division of the



Comprehensive Community Plan

County: Parke

LCC: Parke County Local Coordinating Council

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Plan Summary

Mission Statement: Our aim is to join all viable resources in Parke County together to make a concerted effort to eradicate drug, alcohol and tobacco use within our county. With efforts from law enforcement, the judiciary, health, the private and business sectors, as well as those of parents, a positive outcome will be attained. With the eradication of these abuses, we expect to see the lessening of crime within the county and improvement of our quality of life. With the lessening of this illegal use, we hope to see happier, healthier, more successful youth. In turn, this can only be beneficial for Parke County at every level.

History: The Parke County Task Force on Drug and Alcohol Abuse was founded in the mid 1980's, and was the forerunner of the present Local Coordinating Council. The present coordinator was one of the founders of the original group. Since its formation, the L.C.C. has met every other month, more often if a large project was in the planning stages and tried to address community issues as well as try to involve the county in the areas of prevention, intervention and law enforcement/justice. Since its formation the group has united adults and children in the fight against substance abuse, largely through education. We remain one of the poorest counties in the state and thus our needs are much different than more metropolitan areas. We have children crying out for support and help, and with our in-school Sheriff's Liaison Officer in place, we continue to work for positive change in our schools. The focus of the L.C.C.'s activities has been education and awareness. First they have worked to reduce substance abuse among youth and adults by encouraging involvement by both. Next, an Anti-Meth committee was formed in early 2005, and deals only with those problems. We continue to meet on a regular basis to plan new activities that to date have had positive results. The L.C.C. is of course still a partner in Parke County Partners for Tobacco Cessation and Prevention and plan anti tobacco events on an ongoing basis. Again, we will hold those who submit grant requests accountable for reporting on the monies they receive.



Summary of the Comprehensive Community Plan: This Plan Update addresses our three problem statements which are: Dealing with the use of and manufacture of Methamphetamine; the use of all kinds of tobacco products which are detrimental to the health of our citizens; and the use of alcohol and all other drugs aside from Methamphetamine. These continue to be our three greatest areas of concern in Parke County. We will be doing the following to remedy the existing situations: Encourage support for families and children of addicts and users and others with problems as a result of addictions; Encourage alternative treatment and half-way houses such as Freebirds Solutions and others through financial support and positive publicity; Continue to fund Celebrate Recovery and associated support groups; Help fund drug testing in schools, mental health facilities, and Drug Court if needed; Continue to fund In-Jail Mental Health Program which provides information and help to felons; Continue to fund Red Ribbon Week, after school programs, peer training, and training of LCC members as well; and urge follow up of Parke County Probation Dept. to keep tighter control over those on probation; and lastly, continue to do public awareness campaigns regarding Meth and other drugs in county.



Membership List

County LCC Name: Parke County Local Coordinating Council

Name	Organization	Race	Gender	Category
Sam Swaim	Judge, Cir.	C	M	Judiciary
	Court			
K. Coleman	Vic. Adv.	C	M	Judiciary
C. Bollinger	Sheriff	C	M	Law Enf.
S. Cvengros	Pros.	C	M	Judiciary
E. McHargue	Chf. Dep.	C	M	Law Enf.
Pam Rager	Principal	C	F	Education
A. Gideon	Principal	C	F	Education
Middlesworth	Principal	C	F	Education
J. Britton	Principal	C	F	Education
J. Brook	Principal	С	F	Education
V. Hill	Counselor	C	F	Education
A. Alderson	Co. Extension	C	F	Self Help
Linda Cole	Prob. Dept.	C	F	Judiciary
Jane Noel	Teacher	C	F	Education
D. Mahurin	Principal	С	M	Education
Lois Meyer	Nurse	C	F	Medicine
R Kneeland	In Sch. Liaison	C	M	Law Enf.
T. Hensley	Amb. Dir.	C	M	Medicine
Neal Wirth	Chf. Police	C	M	Law Enf.
G. Nicholas	Co Comm	C	M	Government
Jim Meece	Co Comm	С	M	Government
Pat Teague	Co Comm	C	F	Government
Bill Livers	Social Worker	C	M	Treatment
Diana Hazlett	Co Auditor	C	F	Government
Paula Stites	Co Health	C	F	Medicine
	Nurse			
T. Carpenter	Men. Health Dir	C	M	Treatment
Jill Rice	Nurse	C	F	Medicine
S Waymire	Clinic Dir.	С	F	Medicine
B Scully	IN State Pol	C	M	Law Enf
J Lewis	IN State Pol	C	M	Law Enf
W Wooten	Counselor	C	F	Education
L Thompson	Probation	C	M	Judiciary
V Williams	Student	C	F	Youth
D Onstott	Parent	C	F	Parent
G Storie	Suptdent	C	M	Education
L Orr	Suptdent	C	M	Education



K Knapke	Parent	С	F	Parent
R Bowers	Supt.	C	F	Education
E Knapke	Student	C	F	Youth
D Hardesty	Parent	C	F	Parent
K Stalker	Dep Pros.	C	M	Judiciary
M Waldridge	Nurse	C	F	Medicine
R Smith	Police	C	M	Law Enf
A Taylor	Tobacco Coord	C	F	Self Help
Don Perry	Minister	C	M	Religion
S Runyon	Teacher	C	F	Education
L Hanner	Psychologist	C	F	Treatment
C Sanders	Parent	C	F	Parent/Labor
	Welfare	C	F	Government
K Edington	Minister	C	M	
G Lilley	Parent	C	F	Religion Parent
C Lilley	Parent Parent	C	M	Parent
L Clapp Tom Pry	Citizen	C	M	Media Media
	Counselor	C	F	Education
J McMullen B McCain	Counselor	C	F	Treatment
	Counselor	C	F	
M J Harney	Coordinator	C	F	Media



Problem Identification

Problem Statement #1: The use of and manufacture of Methamphetamine, as well as use of other drugs is far and away our number one problem in the county as we enter 2004. The use of alcohol and other drugs is also a threat, and leads to child abuse, neglect, loss of jobs, loss of productivity, etc.

Supportive Data: (Dec 2003)

- Indiana State Police statistics ranked Parke County 5th in the state in manufacture and use of Meth
- According to Sheriff's Dept. Meth and Meth related arrests account for some 35 to 50% of all incarcerations
- Sheriff 200 persons on Watch List for suspected trafficking in Meth
- Approximately 30 "trash labs" found in county in 2003
- Hamilton Center treated 253 Parke Co residents for abuse problems

Year 1 Update: (2004)

- 55% of jail population due to Meth & Meth related arrests -Sheriff--up from 35% last year
- Marijuana & other drugs arrests have taken a back seat to Meth Sheriff
- 68 of 98 inmates charged with Meth or possession offense at Jail
- Hamilton Center-treated 250 Parke Co clients for abuse problems

Year 2 Update: (2005)

- Sheriff's dept.- 60% jail population due to drug related charges. Most Meth related. Fewer "cookers" now, drugs coming from Mexico, Calif & Ariz. thru Marion Co.
- 100 lbs week Meth sold as opposed to 31 lbs as sold by Diablo Motorcycle gang previously Sheriff's Dept.
- Check of P & S Consulting data base shows almost no Parke County known dealers purchasing ephedrine products in Vigo Co.
- Sheriff Commerical Ice still biggest drug problem
- Drugs continue to wreck family life in Parke County counselors and treatment providers
- Watch List affording traffic pattern for shipment of Meth Sheriff
- Lack of after-school alterntative programs to children from dysfunctional families
- Judge considers meth users now are the culture in Parke county, not the sub-culture.

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Objectives: (2003)

- Sponsored Meth convocations, and meetings with appropriate parties to start Teen Court. Judge is interested but will wait.
- Funded Red Ribbon Campaigns in all county elementary schools.
- Anti Meth tabs published in co newspaper and used as handouts.
- Spoke to more than 25 groups re: Meth. Published & mailed flyers to all co. homes
- Paid for drug testing in Turkey Run school district and supported Hamilton Center Jail-Based program.
- Supported After-School programs, paid for training
- Convention and training expenses paid for by LCC
- Encouraged financial help for teachers to work with after school programs



Year 1 Update: (2004)

- Met with Circuit Court Judge to help establish Drug Court. Helped influence court to change speed with which offenders pay Drug Free Communities monies
- Funded "Celebrate Recovery" for addicts in county and helped support Freebirds Solutions in Vigo Co. (halfway house for addicts). Judge has started sending offenders there also.
- Continued Meth programs to anyone who would have a speaker. Had
 info tables on Meth abuse at Health Fair, Co. Fair and public gatherings.
 Met with Ministerial Assn. with actual information to help deal with
 congregations
- Urged creation of protocol to deal with children from Meth homes, etc.
 Shortly after state issued new guidelines. Helped fund establishment of CASA

Year 2 Update: (2005)

- Planning is underway to begin a Drug Court Program. LCC will pay for training for Drug Court Team with reimbursement for some of those charges by the State.
- Continue to support after school programs at county elementary schools. Pay for training for coordinators for those programs. Pay for LCC members to take training and attend conferences as needed.
- Support Red Ribbon campaigns and offer supportive events during the school year.
- Continue support for Park County Sheriff through equipment, training, and overtime as we are fiscally able.
- Pay for In-Jail Program for offenders offered by Hamilton Center Mental Health Facility to help prepare inmates to go back into society.
- Continue to fund "Celebrate Recovery" and support the founding of a family support group as well.
- Provide some funding to "Freebirds Solutions," an alternative for post incarceration treatment program in Vigo County as some recipients are from Parke Co.
- Continue supporting the CASA program
- Miscellaneous prevention education programs in the schools. Increase participation level of prevention programs in all four county elementary schools by 5%

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Goals:

• Fewer Parke County youth and adults will abuse substances, which will result in positive changes in the above information as well as other financial indicators relating to Parke County.

Year 1 Annual Benchmarks: (2004)

- Number of prisoners continues to rise in jail as result of Meth or Meth related arrests. Percentages continue to rise each year. Sheriff's Department continues pressure on "Cookers" and dealers.
- More people discussing drug issue, and how it relates to county, ask for speakers for programs; continue to run full page ads, radio spots, and county wide education programs
- Need for Anti Meth committee is evident and so one is established.
 Funded Jail Based program to give addicts a head start before being released from jail
- Equipment we paid for has helped Sheriff's Dept. with surveillance and helped tracking of anhydrous thieves

Year 2 Annual Benchmarks: (2005)

- While percentages of incarcerted felons increased, number of labs greatly decreased in Parke County, however, Chief Deputy says the pipeline from Arizona, Mexico and California through Marion County now bring Meth into county
- P & S Consulting who we met with previously has provided information on Vigo Co sales of ephedrine products, showing few Parke County heavy hitters buying or attempting to buy there. This enforces the notion that we are not cooking here but merely purchasing and using
- Our training has brought more youth to meetings and yet we see the need for more support.
- We will provide more urine screens, continue to fund and encourage "Celebrate Recovery" and Freebirds Solutions.
- We fund after school programs at both Turkey Run and Rosedale and see positive results
- LCC members voted to help Drug Court and will have at least a person functioning on the active board to screen candidates. Others will continue in advisory capacity. This invitation from judge shows his appreciation for the ongoing efforts of this group.
- The formation of CASA here will help our young people who have suffered because of this drug problem.

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Problem Statement #2:

The use of all kinds of tobacco is prevalent both in our schools as well as through adult use in Parke County, preventing our citizenry from reaching their potentials both mentally as well as physically.

Supportive Data: (2003)

- IPRC Survey at Riverton Parke High ranked tobacco use by students higher than state average
- At sixth grade level, tobacco use is higher than at the state average, except for smokeless tobacco
- Family Health and Help Center survey shows slight decrease in tobacco use among patients.
- Young children in county show great enthusiasm for no smoking campaigns and are willing to influence family members to stop.
- Health Dept survey shows people prefer non smoking restaurants, but are not willing to make change to other restaurants
- Family Health and Help Center through their Pregnant Mom's program find that low income, under-educated girls tend not to be concerned about smoking and unforn children
- An informal survey done by the LCC at the Family Health and Help Center and at places around the county show that people have responded to our anti-smoking campaign since ITPC began.

Year 1 Update: (2004)

- Significant numbers of smokers are becoming more evident.
- Hamilton Center offered non-smoking programs and did not get huge numbers of response, but continue to see the need for help for smokers.

Year 2 Update: (2005)

- Lower numbers of pregnant women who smoke and use Family Health and Help Services.
- Tickets are being written for underage tobacco users, but are not finable at this point. Retail compliance checks started
- Retail compliance checks net stores which sell to those under 18. They have not been fined to this point in time
- Urged In-School Liaison Officer to start ticketing and fining retailers
- Hired ITPC area coordinator to share with Vermillion County, greatly decreasing our working capital

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Objectives: (2003)

- Fewer Parke County residents, both youth and adults, using tobacco in any form.
- Healthier population will result.
- Fewer respiratory problems, fewer cancer diagnosis for our residents.
- Less involvement in illegal practices from our youth.

Year 1 Update: (2004)

- Joined ITPC and other county groups to eliminate smoking in public places
- Funded in-school projects, sheriff's in-school liaison supported county health nurse in her work with factories, etc.
- Funded hand-outs, information tables and in-school programs
- Used emergency room nurse to speak to students about use of tobacco risks & other drugs to body
- Coordinator greatly increased school participation in anti tobacco movement
- Out of county speakers, and ITPC personnel helped spread word

Year 2 Update: (2005)

- County Health nurse runs 2 ads per month with anti tobacco message. We encourage those efforts, messages pertinent to county life
- Continue to support ITPC through public awareness
- Continue to run advertising to publicize efforts of students in Parke County with anti-tobacco messages. Local newspaper runs free ads weekly regarding where to go to get help to stop smoking
- Eliminate use of tobacco sections in restaurants through public awareness and pressure from public
- Continue to support youth in their in-school programs
- Plan to hire new coordinator at lower salary so we can have more funding
- Fund youth projects as possible
- · Participate in youth and adult training as needed
- Insist on ticketing and fining of non compliance retailers

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Goals:

- Lower number of tobacco users in county
- Increase number of smoke free restaurants
- Increase numbers of factories who have smoke free facilitiess and lower insurance rates for non smokers

Year 1 Annual Benchmarks: (2004)

- Fewer youth using tobacco
- FHH reports fewer women using tobacco who are in their care
- More public awareness about dangers of tobacco use
- Slightly less illegal use of tobacco

Year 2 Annual Benchmarks: (2005)

- More restaurants smoke free
- Fewer pregnant women smoking according to FHH
- Fewer youth using tobacco, purchasing tobacco underage
- Youth Group VOICE more active and name more familiar in county
- Lower of number of pregnant women and other adults and youth who use tobacco
- Continue to maintain VOICE in all three county high schools at current level or expanded if possible
- Participate and actively recruit youth for state-wide and regional VOICE and ICJI events
- Continue campaigning for tobacco free Turkey Run High School campus by increasing awareness through presentations to school board

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Problem Statement #3: The use of alcohol and other drugs, aside from Methamphetamine, continues to be a problem that eats away at the fabric of Parke County life, affecting not only youth of all ages, but adults as well. However, in many cases these are no longer gateway drugs, but are bypassed by abusers who go directly to Meth

Supportive Data: (2003)

- Several utilize AA meetings in county
- Arrest records in county newspaper reflect large numbers of people who continue to use both alcohol and other drugs. Stopped for minor crimes and alcohol primary reasons
- Hamilton Center treated more than 250 people for drug and alcohol problems. In Jail program funded by the LCC continues to see large percentage of jail population
- Large number of children in fosters care, or put up for adoption, because of the breakdown of homes due to substance abuse.



• Statistics from IPRC survey show that at Riverton Parke High seniors abused alcohol at a rate of 46.8% as opposed to state average. Binge drinking rate 3% higher than State at 6th grade level.

Year 1 Update: (2004)

- Meth offenses have stretched the Probation Department to the maximum and have crowded the jail almost beyond capacity.
- Probation Department is now drug testing females only (on a monthly basis) as there is no place to put them if they are found in violation.
- Sheriff--65 70% of those incarcerated are due to meth-related offenses.
- In School Liaison Officer reports more activity with students, more complaints from parents for school participation and calling attention to problems
- Despite our efforts use continues, and now we see expanded use of Methamphetamine in our county

Year 2 Update: (2005)

- Sheriff 60% of all jail inmates are in for drug related charges
- Almost all other crimes are drug related in county, even if felons are not incarcerated Parke County Prosecutor
- Circuit Court Judge pushing for establishment of Drug Court due to seriousness of drug problem, and overburdening of Circuit Court Docket
- Continue to see drug culture become more a part of our culture countywide - Judge says it is our culture
- New Sheriff to be elected, LCC will not campaign, but will make sure whoever is elected is familiar with our programs
- Drug usage is not the "bad thing" it formerly was so that mindset needs to be changed

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Objectives: (2003)

- Continue to fund In-Jail substance abuse classes and fund treatment for those unable to pay at Hamilton Center, once prisoners are released from jail.
- Continue to provide information and convocations to students and adults regarding dangers of substance abuse.
- Fund convocations by an emergency room nurse on the dangers of Meth, tobacco and other drugs.



- Encourage after school programs, such as those funded this past year for Rosedale and Turkey Run and Montezuma. Fund any peer training classes, and try to provide support for children and families.
- Work with Parke Circuit Court Judge to develop a Teen Court in the county.
- Encourage Parke County Probation Office to better track juvenile and adult offenders and try to intervene when possible.
- Attempt to fund overtime for Sheriff's Deputies as they work to keep ahead of crime in the county, largely due to substance abuse.

Year 1 Update: (2004)

- Funded overtime for Sheriff's Dept. for surveillance, traffic stops, etc.
 Also paid for various pieces of equipment for officers to use in their work
- Convocations by medical personnel to acquaint students as to dangers of alcohol and drugs
- Funded and encouraged after school programs
- Drug programs and other informational opportunities made available
- Funded overtime for Sheriff's Dept. and helped pay for equipment, funded training and convention expense for both students and adults

Year 2 Update: (2005)

- Continue Red Ribbon Campaigns in all county elementary schools, at same or increased level
- Continue to support CASA and help CHINS as they get into the judicial system
- Continue public awareness campaign for county
- Continue to support Drug Court training, and fund same
- Continue to fund in-school programs, public awarness campaigns, training as needed
- Fund Parke County Sheriff's Dept. with support, funds, equipment as needed
- Support forming of Drug Court
- Support CASA program, and other family support groups in county
- Fund training, as needed, on ongoing basis

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Goals:

 Fewer Parke County youth and adults will abuse drugs and alcohol, which will also result in positive changes in the above information as well as other indicators in the county.



- Hopefully, the educational level of our students will rise if they are not caught in the tangle of substance abuse. Lack of good education (not that it isn't provided), is a huge problem. Some students aren't getting the support from parents that will boost them up.
- Most positive attitude in county regarding elimination of drugs and alcohol abuse
- Better equipped Sheriff's Dept.
- · Fewer students using drugs and alcohol
- Fewer arrests for drug and alcohol abuse
- Fewer users in treatment both in jail and at local health providers

Year 1 Annual Benchmarks: (2004)

- In-School Liaison Officer active in all county high schools, positive influence on students and familiarity with their problems
- Equipment used to help track offenders and overtime we funded, helps keep flow of work efficient
- Reception of younger students positive as well familiarized them with dangers of drugs and alcohol
- In-School Liaison Officer positive role model for students, and establishes better relationships with students

Year 2 Annual Benchmarks: (2005)

- Visibility of LCC continues to grow in positive way in county, funded information fairs, information tables, providing progrms to groups on dangers of drugs and alcohol
- While marijuana use continues in some areas, we now see the use of Meth, heroin and other dangerous drugs on the increase
- Budget constraints have improved this year due to new judge who made it a priority to have fines paid
- Training paid for by LCC provides positive results in school, and after school programs very well attended by both Turkey Run and Rosedale Elementary students
- Peer training brings positive reactions among students, VOICE students become more visible

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Please attach the County's Fiscal Report for review!

Next Annual Update Due: 12/2006

Next Comprehensive Community Plan Due: 12/2006

Date of Community Consultant Review: Dec 22; Jan 4 - 12, 2006

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The information and data provided is presented as factual and accurate. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding the data submitted within the Plan. Failure to do so could result in a "denied approval" by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

The Local Drug Free Communities Fund must be spent according to the goals identified within the plan. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding funds that are collected, allocated, and disbursed within the county. Failure to do so could result in a "denied approval" by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

Initials: mjh



PARKE COUNTY DRUG FREE COMMUNITY FUND INFORMATION

2005 Budget Amount

\$26,955.06

Amount deposited in Parke County Drug Free Communities Fund 2005

Amount donated for Anti-Meth Campaign

1,075.00

Parke County Drug Free Fund allocations January through December 2005

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Turkey Run Elem. Top 4 Nutrition Problems	500.00			
Rockville High & Elem. Trainings				
Pride World Drug Conf.	378.00			
Leadership Academy	100.00			
Peer mediation Training	600.00			
Red Ribbon Week				
4 Elementary schools, supplies	1,200.00			
New Life Wesleyan "Celebrate Recovery"				
N A Meetings	2,100.00			
Prevention Partners, NIMCO, Sentinel				
Fair hand outs, Meth tabs	598.93			
Advertising, WAXI, Parke County Sentinel	139.60			
Rotary, Sports World, anti drug message	500.00			
Hamilton Center Mental Health				
½ Jail based program	1,350.00			
Rockville Post Prom	100.00			
CASA Program				
½ funding	1,000.00			
Stamps, copies	122.44			
Parke County Printing	40.00			
Contractual Services, M. J. Harney	1,200.00			
Office Supplies	100.00			
Other	73.33			
Indiana Assn. of Prevention Professionals	85.00			
Total Expenditures	10,187.30			

Justice:

CASA Program ½ funding	\$ 1,000.00
Parke County Sheriff Dept.	
Overtime for drug surveillance	3,615.00
Fiber Optic Scope	385.00
Mary Jo Harney Contractual Services	1,200.00
Office Supplies	100.00
Other	33.33
Total Expenditures	\$ 6,333.33



Treatment:

Hamilton Center – 1/2 Jail Based Program	\$ 2,410.00
Training	
Rockville High School, Leadership Acad.	100.00
Many Voices, One Vision Regis.	470.00
Freebirds Solutions – Treatment donations	500.00
CASA Program	2,000.00
Postage, parking	115.44
Contractual Services M. J. Harney	1,200.00
Office Supplies	115.04
Other	33.34
Hamilton Center, Jail Based Program	2,700.00
Sheriff, Consulting statistics, equipment	340.00
Snodgrass, Prev. Partners training	300.00
Total Expenditures	\$10,283.82
Approximate funds for 2006 per Parke County Auditor (this is our budget figure)	\$30,695.26
Funds collected (fines, etc.)	29,495.26

Granting Process: Grant applications are submitted to the Local Coordinator of the council, who in turn presents them at the L.C.C. meetings. Grant applications are discussed and voted on by members present. Claims for approved grants are then submitted to the County Auditor who presents claims to County Commissioners for approval and then payment. The L.C.C. handles no money directly, rather all funds are given to the Auditor to control.

